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Petition Under Rule 184 (b)(2) to Accept Color Photographs

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Attention: PCT DO/EO/US

Sir:

This is a Petition under Rule 84 (b)(2) to accept color photographs in the above identified application for Figures 3 and 5. On information and belief, the claimed invention and explanation thereof is technically difficult to illustrate by line drawing. On information and belief, color photographs are necessary because they are the only practicable medium for illustrating the claimed invention and explanation thereof in a manner that will facilitate an understanding of the claimed invention.

In compliance with the Rule for submission of color photographs, the formal drawings concurrently submitted include three (3) sets of color photographs. Additionally, the application includes the statement required by Rule 84 (a)(2) as the first paragraph in the Brief Description of the Drawing.

A check covering the fee required by Rule 17(h) is attached. If no fee is attached or if

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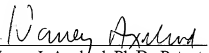
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the check is for an insufficient amount, authorization is given to charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0261 with any balance due and to credit our account with any overpayment.

In view of the above, it is requested that color photographs be permitted in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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